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SUBJECT: DEATH OF RICHARD S. WELCH - DEC 25 PRESS

REPORTS NO LEADS

REF: ATHENS 10171

1. THE IDENTITY AND THE PURPOSE OF THE ASSASSINS OF RICHARD WELCH REMAIN UNKNOWN TO GREEK AUTHORITIES, ACCORDING TO DECEMBER 25 MORNING PRESS AND RADIO. WITH LITTLE FACTUAL INFORMATION TO GO ON, PRESS STORIES SPECULATE WIDELY ON POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT OF FOREIGN OR LOCAL GROUPS, THOUGH IT IS EVIDENT THAT THERE IS A GENERAL INCLINATION AMONG GREEKS OF ALL POLITICAL PERSUASIONS TO DISCOUNT THE POSSIBILITY THAT GREEKS MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED. ALSO WIDELY REPORTED IS THE STORY THAT AMERICAN AND SOVIET DIPLOMATS HAVE BEEN GIVEN SPECIAL POLICE PROTECTION IN THE WAKE OF THE MURDER. EDITORIAL COMMENT CONDEMNS THE ASSASSINATION, AND THERE IS A TONE IN THE PRESS OF REVULSION AGAINST ALL KINDS OF TERRORISM.

2. WE WILL BE FOLLOWING AND REPORTING DEVELOPMENTS (BECAUSE

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OF CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS GREEK PAPERS WILL NOT REAPPEAR UNTIL

THE AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 27).

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